- What proportion of new cancer drugs extend survival or improve quality of life?
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 Most new cancer drugs (57%) approved without evidence they extend survival or improve quality of life

 After median 5 years on the market, only an additional 8 drug indications showed survival/QoL gains

 Of 68 cancer indications approved by the EMA, and with a median 5 years follow-up, only 35 (51%) had shown survival/QoL gain over existing treatments or placebo Of 23 drugs with a survival benefit, less than half (48%) were judged to offer a clinically meaningful benefit

 For the remaining 33/68 (49%), uncertainty remains over whether the drugs extend survival or improve quality of life.